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### What is tinnitus?

It is any sound that a person can hear from within their body rather than from an outside source. Although tinnitus is often described as a ringing sound it can be heard in many ways such as buzzing, humming, grinding or hissing.

### What are the causes of tinnitus?

A build-up of earwax, a middle ear infection or a problem with your inner ear can sometimes be responsible. Also a sudden very loud noise or a sustained loud noise may cause a tinnitus attack like loud music or loud industrial work places. Tinnitus is also often associated with a reduction in hearing ability.

### What is the treatment of tinnitus?

At the moment there is no single treatment for tinnitus that works for everyone. If an underlying cause can be found such as a build-up of earwax then micro-suction earwax removal may be the answer. If a specific cause cannot be found then the focus will be on helping the sufferer to manage the condition. There are various ways to do this and one could be to wear custom made instruments that can be used to play tones which cancel or mask the tinnitus sound.

Keith Donaghy is a qualified tinnitus expert and can help people who suffer from this debilitating and sometimes depressing condition to find the best way forward. If you would like some help or advice then make an appointment for a free consultation, what have you got to lose?



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# Tinnitus

## What is it and how can I get help?

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Following a survey carried out in 2010 by research company (on 7,125 hearing-impaired people (60% hearing and 40% not wearing hearing aids). The survey reports that hearing aids not only improve capabilities of hearing aid users (also improved the general health of hearing aid users compared to hearing-impaired people who do not wear a hearing aid. Hearing aid users are less likely to think they have the symptoms of dementia, feel less physically and mentally exhausted, sleep better and are less likely to suffer from depression.

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For the hearing-impaired workers who wear a hearing aid it is reported that their hearing aids are useful for their job and that the hearing aids also increase the chance of them getting promoted, being in the right job and getting more salary compared to those hearing-impaired people who have not obtained hearing aids.

The survey also found that hearing-impaired people are more likely to

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## Should I have my hearing checked?

Keith Donaghy R.H.A.D., F.S.H.A.A. has the answers.

### When should I have my hearing checked?

Just like eyes and teeth, it is recommended that hearing is checked once a year or certainly if someone thinks that their hearing is deteriorating. All hearing tests and consultations are free at Keith Donaghy Hearingcare.

### How do I detect a change in my hearing?

It is usually difficult to become the deterioration is often gradual, so hearing needs to be checked regularly by a professional. Friends and relatives may tell you that you are not hearing properly or you may find that the television etc. needs to be turned up for you to hear it.

### When do I need to wear a hearing aid?

If you have a significant loss in your hearing then a new digital hearing aid system will bring your hearing back to as near normal as possible. There are many digital systems available on the market and generally speaking the more sophisticated the system the more expensive it is.

### How much do hearing aids cost?

When investing in a hearing aid system, you are not just purchasing hearing aids but also the after care package so it is important to consider what the standard of help and advice is available when you start wearing your new hearing aids. At Keith Donaghy Hearingcare prices start from £300.00 for the latest digital technology hearing aids which includes the initial hearing test, fitting, and complete aftercare package. Because Keith Donaghy is local patients rarely wait more than a few days before they can see him.

### How long do hearing aids last?

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## Footfall up as shoppers give city centre a seasonal boost

By Samantha McGregor

OXFORD has seen an increase in footfall of thousands of visitors giving businesses around the city a seasonal boost.

Latest figures from December 4 to 10 show the number of people coming into Oxford city centre was up by 12 per cent compared with the same period last year, which translates to 14,000 more visitors to Cornmarket, Queen Street and elsewhere in the city centre.

Oxford City Council received footfall to the centre and says Christmas shoppers have helped push figures up. Council leader Rob Price says the increase is "down to the opening of the Christmas centre and the popular Christmas market on Broad Street, getting a steady flow on the shopping district this time."

He also said more shops were moving into empty city centre units vacated after shops moved to the Westgate Centre.

A total of 17,000 people walked the city centre between December 4 and 10 and the lowest day was the Saturday with 14,100 visitors.

Overall, the council said footfall for the year is up by 11 per cent on the previous year.

Cllr Price said: "As expected, the opening of the Christmas centre has given a positive boost to the number of people coming into the city and the



increase has been felt widely across the city centre as the run up to Christmas.

"The Broad Street Christmas Market has been very popular again."

Cllr Price said the empty shops in the city centre amounted to about six per cent, compared with the current UK average of 11 per cent.

He said: "The empty shops were created by businesses moving to Westgate site, filling up fast, and due our businesses and footfall it seems that very few will remain empty for long."

"Decided for retail space in the city centre is strong and we hope that more independent traders will be attracted by the increased viability of shops in prime locations."

Football matches are in Queen Street, Cornmarket and St George's Place, with Cornmarket the busiest location.



### Stars' sparking gesture for children

ICE Hockey players took some time off the ice to donate bags full of teddy letters to children in hospital in time for Christmas.

Oxford City Stars held their

annual An Ice Bear teddy letter swap this month, collecting bags full of teddy letters to donate to the ice rink.

Thanking local generosity,

players visited the John Radcliffe Children's Hospital to give teddy letters to children in hospital in time for Christmas.

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## Festive market is firm favourite scooping public award

THE second of three amazing events, colourful Christmas lights and singing, made its debut on the streets of the city and the Christmas Market has spread its festive magic across the city's main street again.

More than 50,000 people are expected to head to the city centre to enjoy the festive market on the 11 days from December 11 to 21.

As well as market stalls, the event features the night's staging of the most popular Christmas event, the annual Christmas Carol Singing in the City. The event has been held in the city centre since the year 2000.

Event organiser, Nicola Barker, said she was "over the moon" that the Christmas market was voted favourite by the public.

She said: "The market makes all

the heart work of the past eight years more heroic. It's wonderful to see how many people look forward to it and return to the market each year."

"It's because a Christmas tradition, which is celebrated by many people's family, will be in the market."

She said the city council's board member for culture and communities, said: "It is a wonderful event that the Christmas Market has been voted for by the people."

"It is very good that the market has been voted for by the public. It is a wonderful way to get the festive spirit."

The Christmas Market, which is held every year, is a major event for the public and residents of Luton and Bedfordshire. The event includes Christmas lights, carols, shopping, and theatre.



Shoppers have voted the market in Broad Street as their favourite event.

## Plan to have 'shark house' listed

By Eva Astrand

A historic shack cradling local fish, one of the most iconic of the town's heritage could become subject to special status as a protected heritage asset.

The shark house, which has survived in the town since the 19th century, could be listed as a protected building.

The town's heritage committee has been asked to consider the building as a heritage asset.

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### InBrief

#### Woman's bag stolen

A WOMAN was dragged to the ground as a man in a dark coat stole her bag.

The woman was walking from the station to the town centre when she was approached by a man who grabbed her bag and ran off with it.

The police are looking for a man who is described as around 5ft tall and was wearing a dark coat.

If you have any information, please call the police on 101.

#### Christmas lunch

THE East Oxford Community Association is having a Christmas lunch from 12.30pm to 2pm on Christmas Day.

The event is open to all, and anyone who is unable to attend can still enjoy the lunch.

The lunch is a great way to enjoy the festive season and to meet other people in the community.

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## Leather goods firm's tonne of Christmas gifts

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Santa will be dropping by at the Oxford Centre in Oxford Road but needs help with his transport

## Minibus needed to aid food bank Christmas meal

Oxford-based food bank is at all times for volunteers of the Christmas Day lunch in Oxford Road but needs help with his transport.

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### Bag snatch bid

A CCTV image has been released after a woman was pushed to the ground when a thief tried to snatch her bag.

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## Hotel given approval amid concerns over safety at LGBTQ pub

By Owen Hughes

MEMBERS of Oxford's LGBTQ community have said they were concerned about the safety of the pub.

A number of objections to the Premier Inn were made by residents of nearby Thaxton Lodge and Parkside Avenue.

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## Driver's lucky escape after rail bridge crash

A DRIVER had a lucky escape after his car crashed onto railway tracks and landed upside down.

It is believed the car "bounced off the road" and drove on embankment before falling onto up on its roof on the tracks at Chatteris Railway Station on Thursday last week.

The driver was not injured and luckily no train was due.

No passenger trains were running last Friday at the hampshire railway, but works trains were operating at the time in connection with the Project Railwork scheme.

Shirley Woodcock, chairman

of the firm said: "Our Chance & Project Railwork Railway Incident. To an accident on this very quiet day - the guys on all other working or train near railway engineers - and they immediately set in motion what needed to happen."

"The driver of Rail & Road were informed and we have had the maximum cooperation of the emergency services and Hampshire County Council highway department."

A crane lifted the vehicle safely out of the way and repairs were made to the track and signalling equipment.



## Increase in number of sexual abuse calls

By Eva Armstrong

A CHILDREN'S charity has revealed there has been an increase in the amount of people getting in touch over concerns a child is being sexually abused.

NSPCC announced that over the last two years its helpline referred 41 calls and emails to local agencies in Oxfordshire. There were also a further 70 contacts where helpline staff gave advice about sexual abuse against young people.

Nationally, the charity says it has seen an increase in its per cent of referrals over the last year.

increasing that one in 10 children have experienced sexual abuse.

One caller who phoned the NSPCC helpline said: "I am concerned that a young girl in our neighbourhood might be at risk of sexual abuse because you can see the house on weekends. There is lots of drinking that goes on and sometimes I can't tell her what's going on about her life with her friends. There can be after her about drinking and can say at the end of the day I think she is at risk for her."

A charity spokesperson said a child is sexually abused when they are forced or persuaded to take part in sexual activities, which

does not have to be physical contact and can happen online.

Now, the charity is calling for a UK government consultation, nationwide study on child sexual abuse and incident so they can understand the true scale of this problem.

John Cawson, head of helpline at the NSPCC, said: "It is deeply worrying that so many children are getting into being exposed to such a devastating experience but at the same time it also suggests that as a society we are much more alert to the risks and much more willing to come forward and share our concerns."

## Off-duty PC due in court after assault on woman

A POLICE officer is due in court tomorrow charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent after an incident in the town of Barmston. 36, of Wood Road, Barmston, was given a post

in court to appear at Barmston Magistrates Court on January 11. The charge is in connection with an assault on a 35-year-old woman in Ashdon Road, Barmston on the evening of June 18.

PC Bennett, who was off duty at the time of the incident, is stationed in Barmston, but is currently suspended from duty while criminal proceedings are ongoing.

## Fake cigarettes on sale in pubs

PCN 653322 anti-drugs officers find fake tobacco cigarettes for sale in pubs and clubs. Officers from the anti-drugs unit of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary have found fake tobacco cigarettes for sale in pubs and clubs.

Recent research by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary has found that fake tobacco cigarettes are being sold in pubs and clubs. The research found that fake tobacco cigarettes are being sold in pubs and clubs. The research found that fake tobacco cigarettes are being sold in pubs and clubs.

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## Breeders warning

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# Incinerator burns its one millionth tonne

By Samantha McGregor

A CONTROVERSIAL incinerator has reached its one millionth tonne of waste.

The waste plant at Arding near Bideford opened in 2011, and since then the equivalent of 40 Olympic swimming pools worth of waste has been burned there.

Waste which would otherwise end up in landfill has been converted into energy to power the incinerator. The plant is owned by the Devon and Cornwall Council.

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From left, Arding ERF operations manager Jim Thompson, Writtle regional contracts manager Paul Rowland, Writtle's managing director of major contracts Chris Jones, Devonshire County Council cabinet member for environment, transport, highways and highways, Devonshire County Council strategic manager (waste and transport) Andrew Prie

electricity is excellent. "I look forward to continuing to work with Writtle to increase our further the environmental benefits the ERF brings particularly energy generation."

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## InBrief

### Youthquake top word

OXFORD Dictionaries has named 'youthquake' as word of the year after a five-fold increase in usage over the past 12 months.

The word first appeared in 1982 and means a significant cultural, political, or social change arising from the actions or influence of young people. OXFORD Dictionaries said: "At a time when our language is reflecting a deepening interest and engagement with young people, it is a very apt word to describe a change of this kind."

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### Drink drive warning

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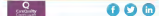


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Victoria Peadar and Layla Moran were among the choir of MPs who sang in Westminster Abbey to highlight the plight of those in Syria.

## MPs sing for Syrian victims

TWO Defendence MPs have been recognised for their charity that helps victims of the Syrian conflict, the Sunday last week Oxford West & Abingdon MP Layla Moran, joined her MP north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Peadar for the MP Singing for Syrians concert and helped raise £22,000.

More than 400 people attended the event at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey organised by Mrs Peadar to raise money for the Syria Up Front charity which supports vulnerable people in Syria.

For the first time, Mrs Moran joined the choir of 14 MPs for the event at which there were readings from the Bible and the Quran, as well as a performance of 'Water Under the Bridge'.

By Alexander Armstrong  
Mrs Peadar said: "Singing together is a simple yet effective way to raise money for those most in need in Syria."

"It is really important to me that the choir sings for the Syrian people who are not being recognised."

"Mrs Moran added: "It was a privilege to sing at the choir at such a magical event."

"In my year I lived in Damascus when my family lived in Jordan."

"My heart breaks for the people whose lives have been affected by the conflict and who have lost their lives."

# Sacks of love as presents given to sick children

## Sleigh2Give delivers to hospital

By George Walsh

£100 was spread across the faces of dozens of sick children as generous donors gave more gifts than ever as part of a Christmas project appeal at 23 youngsters at Oxford Children's Hospital and their play therapist by David Armstrong group PlayGives/Slings2Give initiative.

Donations, ranging from toys and teddy bears to books and crafts, were handed out by Santa and his helping elves at the specialist hospital at the John Radcliffe in Oxford.

The founder of our charity of the year 2010 was Andy Baker, who became the first to set up the event, making this year's delivery topped last year's total of £22,000 gifts.

Andy, a former patient at the hospital and Sleigh2Give 2011 has been our most successful and biggest

yet - which is absolutely incredible.

"Last year's appeal was phenomenal with a lot of gifts being around £22,000."

"This year we have seen more supporters come on board and more cards and letters were delivered, via a number of our volunteers, to the kids in the hospital."

"I think it's really nice that you can see the impact."

"We have in the first few days we could hardly see in the hall or the lounge - it was like 100 Santa's."

The group visited three of the wards, including the cancer ward, where the general Christmas party was held and the hospital's Christmas party.

Andy, who is particularly involved with the latter, having raised £10,000 in name and had the patient room.

Andy said: "Sleigh2Give the PlayGives, just keeps growing year on year - and this purchase



Presented by David Armstrong

campaign at this time of year just helps people who have been to the hospital and those in the community."

"Andy is a real inspiration, giving children a warm word."

Andy added his thanks to all supporters, including appeal sponsors the Oxford Trust which also offered support to the hospital.

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## £100m pound deal for retail centre approved

COUNCILLORS have backed proposals to buy Basingstoke & Gosport Shopping Centre as a retail centre worth £100m.

The move comes after the current owner pulled out of a major redevelopment of the shopping centre.

Abertis Standard Investments recently owns 10 per cent of the site, said Cherwell District Council owns 15 per cent.

Last year the investment firm was given planning permission to build a multi-screen cinema, supermarket, hotel and restaurants along the eastside and former Apple Hill Leisure Centre land.

Now the council has stepped in to ensure the project and says it will cost "in the region" of £100m to build the extension, while the "feasibility will be over £100m".

Cherwell said it will build the project through loans which will be repaid from retail income from the centre. Councilors are due to vote on the project, but the council and the cost of buying the shopping centre would remain "unfunded at this stage".

Cherwell said, Cherwell is a local member for Basingstoke, in council, said, "This is a historic step for Cherwell and against the council and our commitment to supporting the centre of Basingstoke, starting with the present and L20."

"Basingstoke has been without a large

centre supermarket for 10 years and has been in desperate need of a multi-screen cinema here before that."

"With our intervention, we are guarantee that these plans come to fruition and we are in support of our other regeneration plans that will create a thriving town centre the people of Basingstoke deserve and can be proud of."

Cherwell said it would secure the use of the planning and council and was working with retail experts to redevelop the shopping centre.

It is hoped work will start next summer with completion due in 2020.

To date, The Light cinema, Liff, Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Nando's, Zizzi and Chippies have all confirmed their commitment to the scheme.

Local Woodcock, Labour group leader, said "Basingstoke is a great town and we are proud to be part of the council's purchase of Castle Quay and development of Castle Quay Two."

"But we make it plain, this is not a handout. If the project fails to deliver the revenue to protect it, it stays empty and the town has to be redeveloped, we will not open and be prepared to redevelop."

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# Concern healthcare can't meet development levels

By Samantha McGinley

A NCR report has highlighted concerns that health and care services are not keeping pace with development in the county.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire, the county's independent health and social care watchdog, says the biggest concern among residents is the long waiting times for appointments at GP surgeries, and lack of NHS staff.

It comes after research from Healthwatch spoke to around 450 people during a two-week period in the autumn, at meetings, voluntary groups and other events.

Healthwatch says residents are concerned about the "availability of adequate health and social services and their

ability to access them".

The report also said there is a "strong perception" among residents that health and care services available do not meet the needs of the growing population.

The watchdog has sent a letter to NHS England about the shortage of doctors and has asked Oxfordshire County Council-headed adult social care trust to consider changes to adult care services.

Healthwatch's membership director Sandra Pearce said: "We are using service commissioners independently to use this report as a starting point to explore a delivery plan for future health and social care provision for Oxfordshire."

"Any plan needs to take fully into

account the need up to date estimates of the local population and any additional pressures on the population growth in the area."

A spokesperson for Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group said: "The priority for Oxfordshire CCG is to ensure there are sufficient GP and primary care services across the whole county in the face of increasing demand and limited resources."

"We are currently engaged with all stakeholders on the future of these services, based on the particular needs of the local population."

The spokesperson added that residents had raised their concerns at local meetings held as part of the review and said he was nervous at Bicester Community Hospital.

Lord Bover, who was reported stolen from Witney overnight.

Detective Constable Benjamin Lee said: "We are working in partnership with the police to identify and locate the offenders. I would also like to speak to anyone who has the distinctive vehicle being driven in the area at around the time of the theft."

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### Midsomer donation

MIDSOMER Four Goodies Theatre group is raising money for the major's charities Red Kite Family Centre and Thame & District Day Centre.

Cliff Tom, who was presented with a plaque by the group. The Midsomer Theatre group will be performing in some of the landmarks from the popular TV show Midsomer Murders. They are not for general audiences who are members of The Players.

This year 300 people from the UK, Australia, Scandinavia, USA and Germany joined the group. The group will be performing in some of the landmarks from the popular TV show Midsomer Murders. They are not for general audiences who are members of The Players.



## Stolen council car smashes into Aldi in robbery bid

A COUNCIL-OWNED car crashed into an Aldi in Chipping Norton.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the incident on Tuesday last, which saw a vehicle smash through the store in an attempt to steal an ATM.

Officers received a report of the attempted theft at the supermarket

in Sandway Road at around 11.30pm.

Police released the owner and said that a vehicle had been driven into the store, causing damage.

The officers had left the scene. No one was injured during the incident and nothing was stolen.

The vehicle involved was a West Oxfordshire District Council owned

Land Rover, which was reported stolen from Witney overnight.

Detective Constable Benjamin Lee said: "We are working in partnership with the police to identify and locate the offenders. I would also like to speak to anyone who has the distinctive vehicle being driven in the area at around the time of the theft."

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## InBrief

### Football training

PRIMARY schools in Oxford will receive on-going training from professional coaches as part of the Premier League's Primary Stars project at the new Blue.

Coaches from Oxford United Football Community Trust, in partnership with Oxford City Council, will visit five schools in Oxford, Leys and Rose Hill to deliver high quality physical education to help children achieve their sporting potential.

Coventry United School executive board member for sport, leisure and parks said the schools will "renew their interest in leisure sports, keep long term notes and receive any further advice".

### TV and Xbox stolen

A TELEVISION, Xbox and games were stolen from a student house in Oxford.

The student claimed over a fence at the rear of the Elsey Road property was a black and white car on Saturday December 6, entering the entrance back door.

Police are now appealing for witnesses and information.

Call 01865 200000 or visit oxfordshire.police.uk

Or for the latest news go to [oxfordshirejournal.co.uk](http://oxfordshirejournal.co.uk)

Welcome to the Children's Hospital



RAP Roman-possessed, from left, Police P/O Corran, Mike Gough, Aisling, My Cat Andy, Ben, flying suit behind the two ladies is real, SAC Alexandra Stewart left at the front, Emma Geraghty (Sally), former RAF engineering assistant officer who visited recently, Col Andrew Mills (in Santa suit), P/O Lt Paul Whelan (flying suit and nurse Christmas jumper), Rebecca Hunt (nurse Christmas jumper at the front), Col James Russell (in right) is dressed with play specialists from the Children's Hospital, from left in red pale shirt, Samantha Whittick, Grace Whitmore, Kirsten Burness and Christine Taylor, who helps organise the event each year, and support worker Theresa King. Pictures: Col Tony Hicks

## Special delivery

FIGHTER Christmas decorations had traditional design in honour of a Puma HC2 helicopter last week as it dropped off presents to its children.

Santa, his elf and helpers from RAF Scampton visited children, families and staff at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington to spread festive joy.

During the five-year visit, Santa and his brought a series to the faces of children who will be spending Christmas on the roads by delivering gifts directly to the roads. Oxfordshire buses personnel and families The men and women who work in the hospital at the Children's Hospital, which also serves the RAF Scampton training exercise.

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# Skills shortages could affect business growth

Salaries increase but lack of suitable applicants

By Owen Hughes

OXFORD businesses face a skills shortage that could impact on growth in 2015, despite salaries across the region rising to above average increases.

A new report published by the professional recruitment group says there has been more than 100 Oxford-based businesses expect their ability to recruit will be in the region's planning in 2015 and 12 months.

Salaries increased by around two per cent more than the UK average last 10 per cent of companies have experienced a shortage of suitable applicants over the past year.

Almost 100 employers and employees in the Oxfordshire region took part in the survey and more than one third of respondents said they have experienced moderate to severe skills shortages, driving higher salaries.

Nearly a quarter of employers said salary increases as a result of their need to recruit for their jobs in the next 12 months. More than a fifth of businesses are now recruiting temporary professionals in a bid to offset the missing persons.

James Watson, regional managing director of Keys in the south, said: "Despite the economic and political uncertainty and challenges faced

by UK organisations, employers across Oxford are clearly optimistic about the year ahead. However, skills shortages have the potential to severely limit company growth, hinder productivity and impact employee morale at a critical time."

He added: "No doubt, the report suggests that organisations have to make workers planning a key challenge priority, invest in their employee base, and use technology to make the most of their people."

The highest average salary increase occurred in the construction and property industry at 7.9 per cent, followed by IT at 7.3 per cent and engineering at 6.2 per cent.





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# Bolton comes to Oxford

## Join Michael for an intimate evening of music

By Samantha McGregor

TIKETTOS have gone on sale for long-enduring singer Michael Bolton as he brings his UK tour to Oxford.

The Grammy award-winning singer will take to the new Theatre Royal on February 9.

Michael, also a songwriter and music activist, has sold more than 10 million records worldwide and has won a string of awards.

His hits include How can I Support to Live Without You, To Love Somebody, Missing You More, Don't Really and Stand Proud.

During his singing career he has had nine number one singles and two Grammys for Best Pop Male Vocal Performance, an American Music Award, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

His single 'Love Train' recorded by the J. J. Evans Band, was recorded by J. J. Evans Band, was recorded by J. J. Evans Band, was recorded by J. J. Evans Band.

Michael said: "Hello to all my UK fans. I have created an evening with Michael Bolton telling my life story during the pictures and stories behind my music. I hope to see you there."

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His hits written with some of the greatest talents of our time, including Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Linda Ronstadt, Quincy Jones and David Foster.

Michael is currently preparing to release his 27th album, called 'Love of Country', a tribute to songs from the world's most iconic songs.

As Michael continues to tour the world, he has performed

with legends such as Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras, Renee Fleming and Jeff King.

Aside from music, Michael has also begun to make appearances in front of the camera, including several episodes of CBS's hit series 'The Mindy Project'.

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In each performance the actors rely on the audience's ideas to create and

develop a musical live on stage. With a cast of seven plus a few local audience suggestions are transformed into a spontaneous all singing and dancing show.

The Oxford Open-Ended Improv troupe have been an Edinburgh Festival mainstay for the past decade.

Showstopper is currently enjoying a third run at the Lyric Theatre in Shaftsbury Avenue.

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Review: Samantha McGregor

# War Horse is true theatrical triumph

It's hard to wait almost two years for *War Horse* to arrive at Ontario's New Theatre as being there enrapturing sight and sound inside what is fantastic show—witness of its standing ovation. This show is a must see this Christmas.

The puppetry is amazing, the story is compelling, the production is a high living top but best of all, it's an show.

*War Horse* is based on the Michael Morpurgo book and is a tale of courage, loyalty and friendship following the life of a young boy called Albert, played by Thomas Dornier, and his horse, Joey, and it is against the backdrop of the First World War.

It's hard to know how Joey and Albert were brought to life by the puppeteers, a skill of a hand, watch it and the words, the heart of it all, it was truly impressive.

This created a stirring job from Joey's character, Albert played by Jasper Walker-Goringham, to the show, played by Peter Bender and others, who played by Joelle Brindley, you felt your heart and suffering the desperation the war had created.

A moment that got the show going, who brought a little comedy to an otherwise haunting tale. This show also brought home the



horror and sorrow of the First World War, the tremendous loss of life, the impact of war not just on the men, their families and small communities, but the horses that were taken into battle as well.

It also explored the bond between horses and humans, and it was that bond with Albert that eventually saved Joey.

*War Horse* is more poignant than ever as this tour coincides with the centenary commemorations of the end of the First World War. Just one word of caution: watch out for the gunshots, a few of us nearly jumped out of our seats after the first few shots were fired.

The show has been used by more than seven million people worldwide

and has won 25 awards including the Tony Award for Best Play on Broadway and you can see why. You can catch *War Horse* at Ontario's New Theatre until Saturday January 6.

Tickets are available from the New Theatre box office on George Street by calling 888 671 3030 or go to [tickets.newtheatre.com](http://tickets.newtheatre.com)

## On stage

### Exhibition first

Madison Art Conservatory features the first major 3D solo exhibition by Evan Ross until Centre for the Arts, from March 16 until May 31.

The gallery has commissioned a new site-specific installation and exhibition for the open gallery.

The site is a 100,000 sq ft space with sculpture, the performance and installation using the theme of labor, environment and social justice.

### They will rock you

Tickets are available for tribute act Mercury Queens Tribute who come to the New Theatre on March 29.

Women of the National Tribute Awards, this show will feature popular Queen hits, such as Bohemian Rhapsody, We Are the Champions, We Will Rock You and more. For tickets go to [tickets.newtheatre.com](http://tickets.newtheatre.com) or call 888 671 3030.

### Copredly are joining

The Leawards are among the first acts announced for Toronto's Copredly Convention 2014 festival.

The Leawards will headline the three day event on August 1-3 at the Grand Hyatt Convention will play live sets and Al Stewart Scottish singer-songwriter Al Stewart will perform.

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The forest design programme

more than one is involved, a range of learning products for you to choose from. A particular benefit is variety of controls. Each has its own attributes, and obviously it can often appear (and to a number of personal preference) that one there was one major system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which satisfies learning problems for good (Orin and El Jai, Colombia). The quality range, especially aesthetic design, thus learning opportunities off the books. This can make the

the 100 company that will transform the look of your garden while it's supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as its product.

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## BBC 2



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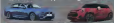


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# Stars slaughter lame Lions

By George Horley

## Ice hockey

INVERCLOUGH United City Stars continued to bulldoze their way through FAIRFAX as they exhibited another dominating performance to punish Lee Valley Lions 11-0 - the second time they have won by that score line this season.

Indeed, it was like an exhibition match for top-of-the-table United who made it 11 men on the ice with six inside ten minutes extending their lead to six in the top ten minutes.

Karel Kisker was the shining star for City, netting on a scramble four goals and three assists.

There were also hat-tricks for Josh Poley and Josh Oliver while mid-fighter Steven Brown did not forget Poley, Steven did not forget Poley, Steven did not forget Poley.

The Stars were utterly dominant, scoring 11 goals on 40 shots on goal compared to Lee Valley's 14.

Remarkably, however, it was the



Photo: Ian Taylor

outgoing Londoners who took an early lead through Simon Gifford on 5:45. But after that the Lions were tamed and the Stars were left to their devices.

Kisker quickly levelled the score line when a scramble found Oliver's stick. Dan Hopkins (10) and Oliver (11) gave the home side a lead while the Lions were still in the game.

Kenny Robinson's late goal was not enough to save the Lions from a 11-0 defeat. The Stars needed five goals in the third period to lead. Stars scored in

the only disappointment of the night - could only watch.

Kisker netted his third goal of a prolific campaign straight after the break and goals from Josh Oliver (10) and Will Brown (11) rounded off the scoring.

Oliver scored to break the game on Saturday to their last game of the season before welcoming Barnet Lions to Depress Road on January 1.

# Wheatley end year on a high

Rugby union

WHEATLEY saw out 2003 in style after emphatically dispatching Barnet 19-0 in a one-sided 1200 Premier League on Saturday.



Colin Taylor with a moment of silence for the late player.

Wheatley's victory was a fitting end to a season in which the club had kept a clean sheet in the first half, while the Lions were in the red and blue of the Premier League.

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# Last-gasp drama denies Puritans a point at home

## Banbury United

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# Freds fail to close gap after dismal goalless draw

## Hellenic round-up

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# Railwaymen steam up to play-off spot

## Evo 50k round-up

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Oliver Adams (left) and Gary Wright (right) celebrate after Barnet's victory against Watford.

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